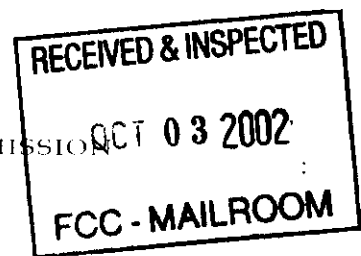


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STATE OF MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION



September 20, 2002

Marlene H. Dortch  
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Federal Communications Commission  
445 - 12th Street, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Irene Flannery  
Universal Service Administrative Company  
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Washington, D.C. 20037

RE: In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45,  
(Minnesota PUC Docket No. P999/M-02-1403)

Dear Ms. Dortch and Ms. Flannery:

Pursuant to FCC 01-157 and 47CFR §§ 54.313 and 54.314, the FCC requires states that wish to receive Federal High-Cost support for ETCs to file certification that funds will be used for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission hereby files this certification to allow all ETCs listed in the Attachment to receive Federal High-Cost support for 2003 consistent with §254(e) of the Communications Act.

The MPUC has obtained affidavits provided by a corporate officer of each ETC including a sworn statement that support that will be received will only be used for the intended purposes. The MPUC also required and received additional documentation pertaining to Year 2001 Federal High-Cost support received and company operational and capital expenditures. Beyond those procedures, the MPUC has not undertaken further processes to assure that future federal support received will be used for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. Our certification is based on those affidavits and additional documentation. We believe that this complies with the FCC requirement.

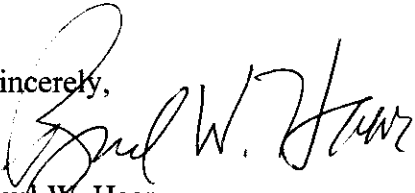
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If you have questions, please call Commission staff Lillian Brion at 651-297-7864, or email at [lillian.brion@state.mn.us](mailto:lillian.brion@state.mn.us).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Burl W. Haar". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Burl" being more prominent and the last name "Haar" following in a similar style.

Burl W. Haar  
Executive Secretary

## **Attachment - List of Companies, September 2002**

### **ETC Name**

- 1 Ace Telephone Association
- 2 Albany Mutual Telephone Association
- 3 Arrowhead Communications Corporation
- 4 Arvig Telephone Company
- 5 Barnesville Municipal Telephone Company
- 6 Benton Cooperative Telephone Company
- 7 Blackduck Telephone Company
- 8 Blue Earth Valley Telephone Company
- 9 Bridgewater Telephone Company
- 10 Callaway Telephone Company
- 11 Cannon Valley Telecom, Inc.
- 12 CenturyTel of Chester, Inc.
- 13 CenturyTel of Minnesota, Inc.
- 14 CenturyTel of Northwest Wisconsin, Inc.
- 15 Christensen Communications Company
- 16 Citizens Telecommunications Company of Minnesota
- 17 Clara City Telephone Exchange Company
- 18 Clements Telephone Company, Inc.
- 19 Consolidated Telephone Company
- 20 Crosslake Communications
- 21 Delavan Telephone Company
- 22 Dunnell Telephone Company, Inc.
- 23 Eagle Valley Telephone Company
- 24 East Otter Tail Telephone Company
- 25 Easton Telephone Company
- 26 Eckles Telephone Company
- 27 Emily Cooperative Telephone Company
- 28 Farmers Mutual Telephone Company
- 29 Federated Telephone Cooperative
- 30 Federated Utilities, Inc. fka Hancock
- 31 Felton Telephone Company, Inc.
- 32 Frontier Communications of Minnesota, Inc.
- 33 Garden Valley Telephone Company
- 34 Gardonville Cooperative Telephone Association
- 35 Granada Telephone Company
- 36 Halstad Telephone Company
- 37 Harmony Telephone Company
- 38 Heartland Telecommunications Company of Iowa
- 39 Hills Telephone Company

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- 40 Home Telephone Company
- 41 Hutchinson Telephone Company
- 42 Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc.
- 43 Johnson Telephone Company
- 44 Kasson-Mantorville Telephone Company
- 45 Lakedale Telephone Company
- 46 Lismore Cooperative Telephone Company
- 47 Lonsdale Telephone Company
- 48 Loretel Systems, Inc.
- 49 Lowry Telephone Company
- 50 Mabel Cooperative Telephone Company
- 51 Manchester-Hartland Telephone Company
- 52 Mankato Citizens Telephone Company
- 53 Melrose Telephone Company
- 54 Mid-Communications, Inc.
- 55 Mid-State Telephone CompanyⓈ
- 56 Midwest Telephone Company, all others listed as other affiliates
- 57 Minnesota Lake Telephone Company
- 58 Minnesota Valley Telephone Company
- 59 New Ulm Telecom, Inc.
- 60 Northern Telephone Company
- 61 Osakis Telephone Company
- 62 Park Region Mutual Telephone Company
- 63 Paul Bunyan Rural Telephone Company
- 64 Peoples Telephone Company of Bigfork
- 65 Pine Island Telephone Company
- 66 Polar Communications
- 67 Red River Rural Telephone Company
- 68 Redwood County Telephone Company
- 69 Rothsay Telephone Company
- 70 Runestone Telephone Association
- 71 Sacred Heart Telephone Company
- 72 Scott-Rice Telephone Company
- 73 Sherburne County Rural Telephone Company
- 74 Sioux Valley Telephone Company
- 75 Sleepy Eye Telephone Company
- 76 Splitrock Telecom Cooperative, Inc.
- 77 Spring Grove Cooperative Telephone Company
- 78 Sprint Minnesota, Inc.

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- 79 Starbuck Telephone Company
- 80 Twin Valley-Ulen Telephone Company
- 81 Upsala Cooperative Telephone Association
- 82 Valley Telephone Company
- 83 West Central Telephone Company
- 84 Western Telephone Company
- 85 Wikstrom Telephone Company
- 86 Wilderness Valley Telephone Company, Inc.
- 87 Winnebago Cooperative Telephone Association
- 88 Winsted Telephone Company
- 89 Winthrop Telephone Company
- 90 Wolverton Telephone Company
- 91 Woodstock Telephone Company
- 92 Zumbrota Telephone Company
- 93 WWC Holding Company

⊕ a merged company composed of Mid-State Telephone Company  
(a cost company with study area code 361433) and KMP Telephone Company  
(an average schedule company with study area code 361413).